

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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--1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system comprising:

5           an imaging component<sup>107</sup> for reflecting entities in the anterior direction of said imaging component;

*A2*           mounting means<sup>100</sup> for mounting said rearview imaging system to a ~~flat-solid~~ surface; and

          backing means<sup>101</sup> for coupling to said imaging component ~~to~~  
10 ~~said mounting means, wherein said backing means comprises means~~  
~~for securing the position of said imaging component; and~~

          an arm,<sup>103</sup> said arm connecting to said mounting means at a first end and to said backing means at a second end, wherein  
          said arm comprises at least one joint<sup>102,104</sup> therebetween allowing

15 adjustment of said imaging component.

2. (ORIGINAL) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said imaging component comprises a mirror.

20 3. (ORIGINAL) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 2, wherein said mirror is flat.

4. (ORIGINAL) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 2, wherein said mirror is beveled.

5. (ORIGINAL) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 2, wherein said mirror is planar.

5 6. (ORIGINAL) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 2, wherein said mirror is convex.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said imaging component is secured  
10 ~~in place~~ to said backing means by a roller bead edge.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said backing means permits rotation with respect to said arm along a multitude of axes.

15 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said backing means permits movement with respect to said arm in a multitude of directions.

20 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rear view imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said backing means of said imaging component comprises a plurality of bores, wherein one of said bores is used for coupling to said arm ~~mounting means~~.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rear view imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said mounting means comprises a ball and socket means for coupling said mounting means to said arm ~~backing means of said imaging component~~.

5 12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said mounting means comprises a round swivel means for coupling said mounting means to said arm ~~backing means of said imaging component~~.

10 13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein means for coupling said mounting means to said ~~flat solid~~ surface is reusable.

15 15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said mounting means permits rotation of said arm along a multitude of axes.

20 16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 1, wherein said mounting means permits movement of said arm in a multitude of directions.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging method comprising:

reflecting entities in the anterior direction of an imaging

5 component;

providing mounting means for mounting said imaging system to a ~~flat solid~~ surface;

providing a backing means for ~~securinge~~ to said imaging component;

10 providing an arm that connects to said mounting means at a first end and to said backing means at a second end, said arm comprising at least one joint therebetween allowing adjustment of said imaging component;

~~for coupling to said mounting means,~~ wherein said backing  
15 means permits multi-directional rotation and adjustment with respect to said arm, and

~~securing placement of said imaging component to said backing means.~~

20 18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging method according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein said imaging component comprises a mirror.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging method according to claim 18 ~~16~~, wherein said mirror is flat.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging method  
5 according to claim 18 ~~16~~, wherein said mirror is beveled.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging method according to claim 18 ~~16~~, wherein said mirror is planar.

10 22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging method according to claim 18 ~~16~~, wherein said mirror is convex.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein said imaging component is  
15 secured ~~in place~~ to said backing means by a roller bead edge.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein said backing means permits rotation with respect to said arm along a multitude of axes.

20 25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein said backing means permits movement with respect to said arm in a multitude of directions.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rear view imaging system according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein said backing means of said imaging component comprises a plurality of bores, wherein one of said bores is used for coupling to said arm ~~mounting means~~.

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27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rear view imaging system according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein said mounting means comprises a ball and socket means for coupling said mounting means to said arm ~~backing means of said imaging component~~.

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28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein said mounting means comprises a round swivel means for coupling said arm ~~mounting means to said backing means of said imaging component~~.

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29. (CANCELLED)

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 17 ~~15~~, wherein means for coupling said  
20 mounting means to said ~~flat solid~~ surface is reusable.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system comprising:

an imaging component for reflecting entities in the area in the anterior direction of said imaging component, wherein said imaging component is adjustable;

mounting means for mounting said rearview imaging system to a ~~flat solid surface, wherein said mounting means permits multi-directional rotation and adjustment; and~~

backing means of said imaging component for coupling to said imaging component ~~to said mounting means~~, wherein said backing means comprises means for securing the position of said imaging component; and, ~~and further~~

an arm, said arm connecting to said mounting means at a first end and to said backing means at a second end, wherein said arm comprises at least one joint therebetween at which said arm can bend; and

wherein said mounting means and said backing means permit multi-directional rotation and adjustment with respect to said arm.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 31 ~~30~~, wherein said imaging component comprises a mirror.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 32 ~~31~~, wherein said mirror is flat.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 32 ~~31~~, wherein said mirror is beveled.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 32 ~~31~~, wherein said mirror is planar.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 32 ~~31~~, wherein said mirror is convex.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system according to claim 31 ~~30~~, wherein said imaging component is secured ~~in place~~ to said backing means by a roller bead edge.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rear view imaging system according to claim 31 ~~30~~, wherein said backing means of said imaging component comprises a plurality of bores, wherein one of said bores is used for coupling said imaging component to said arm ~~mounting means~~.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rear view imaging system according to claim 31 ~~30~~, wherein said mounting means comprises



a ball and socket means for coupling said mounting means to said  
arm ~~backing means of said imaging component.~~

40. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system  
5 according to claim 31 ~~30~~, wherein said mounting means comprises  
a round swivel means for coupling said mounting means to said  
arm ~~backing means of said imaging component.~~

41. (CANCELLED)

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42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved rearview imaging system  
according to claim 31 ~~30~~, wherein means for coupling said  
mounting means to said ~~flat solid~~ surface is reusable.--